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[From The Young Folks.] The Cradle.

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BY CLARA THANTER. The barn was low and dim and old, And through the windows and the doors Swift in and out the swallows swept.

And breezes from the summer sea
Drew through and stirred the fragrant hay
Down-dropping from the loft, wherein
A gray old idle fish net lay.

Heaped in a corner, and one loop

Hung loose the dry, sweet grass among,
And hammock-wise to all 'he winds

It floated to and fro, and swung. And there one day the children brought The pet of all the house to play; A baby boy of three years old, And sweeter than the dawn of day. They laid him in the dropping loop, And softly swung him till at last Over his beauty balmy sleep Its delicate enchantment cast.

And then they ran to call us all;
"Come, see where little Bob is! Guess!"
And brought us where the darling lay,
A heap of loveliness.

Curled in the net; the dim old place He brightened, like a star he shone Cradled in sir; we stood as once The shepherds of Juden had done. And while adoring him we gazed,
With eyes that gathered tender dew,
Wrathful upon the gentle scene
His Celtic nurse indignant flew.

"Is this a fit place for a child?"

And out of his delicious sleep
She clutched him, muttering, as she went,
Her scorn and wonder low and deep. His father smiled and drew aside; A grave, sweet look was in his face, For One who in a manger lay It was not found too poor a place.

> [Written for the Standard.] DOWN BY THE RIVER SIDE.

BY CONSTANCE CARLETON. #

Chapter XVIII. Time passed on, and the wedding-day arrived. It was one of those lead-colored days that make one feel gloomy and morose; disposed to look upon the dark side of life, without being able to give

any reason for it. When the dead leaves lifted from the ground and whirled about | Signora Conway he would tell her that by the chill winds, seem like restless she could never be a player, and that ghosts of the departed beauties of although there was music in her heart aunt Betty, as she hurried hither and finger ends. thither, putting the finishing touches to

her preparations, "I wouldn't let Kate get married to-day for any money, even if all my nice cakes spiled by puttin' it off. 'Blessed is the bride the sun shines on, is the old savin', and if there's any truth in that, she'll lead a miserable life. sing selections from the operas.' Jake, glance out of the winder and see if you can get a glimpse of the sun," she so taken up with lessons. Ish't it odd said to the black bey, who was stoning raisins, two-thirds of which went into

The small African rolled his eyes towards the sky, until nothing but the whites of them was visible, and replied: "No'm, I tink dat de sun hab done sot

for good." "'Done sot for good,' " repeated the old lady contemptuously. "Who ever heard of the sun settin at nine o'clock in the mornin! I reckon you had better study Rhetoric," she added, in blissful ignorance that she was directing him to the wrong science.

"Then dars been a 'clipse," remarked Jake, slily popping a raisin into his mouth, and assuming an expression of stage at once?" asked his wife, while her the greatest innocence.

"I'll give you an eclipse, if you don't stuns out of hardly any of 'em. I must

room when the stuns is all out."

Some hours later Kate Leonard stood that floated along the sky. "The day is of the air. cold and dark and dreary," she murmured, drawing her shawl close around her. "Is it a foreshadowing of my future? Is my life to be 'cold and dark and dreary'?" Forgetting the flight of time,

"Why Katie, child, it is time for you to be getting ready, as it will not be long before that handsome bridegroom of yours will be here, and those lords of fair sex. Where did you find her?" creation do not like to be kept waiting.

Kate smiled faintly, and began to bind | would not have liked for his aristocratic up her long thick hair.

"Are you cold child?" asked the good ings before he raised her to her presentlady as Kate shivered in her bridal robes, around her white throat.

"No ma'am, I think it is excitement father, and I can answer for its quality more than cold."

like this yer. You look like an angel jest dropped from the clouds."

"Your taste is unquestionable, Jake,"

supply of wine. Skimming lightly down to could look supply of wine. Skimming lightly down roic passion, starving herself to death the stairs she stopped him and said in a long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the white muslin as bread and butter, and long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the white muslin as bread and butter, and long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the white muslin as bread and butter, and long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse, on the ground that the long to downgers of fifty. They despise the class refuse t

Conway' that she is ready.'

A little while after there was a light | "But Mr. Bertram has ordered rap on the door, and when it was opened, ma'am. I cannot disobey him.' Kate joined Conway on the landing, who | She sighed. "I suppose not; but Rich taking the little gloved hand and placing ard," laying her hand timidly on his it on his arm, led her down to the parlor, arm, and looking eagerly into his face, and in a few moments Kate Leonard had "he wont get intoxicated will he? You ceased to exist forevermore, and Kate have known him all his life, and surely Conway stood in her place.

Chapter XIX. And so her new life began, and a very novel one it was to the young wife. It was a great change to step out of the low ceiled rooms of the farm-house into her husband's stately mansion. Bertram Conway was proud of his beautiful wife and saw with delight the admiration caused by her fair face and graceful manner. Anything owned by himself must be par excellence, and it pleased him to have his associates say, "Ah Conway, what a lucky dog you are," and to see that his wife was the fairest woman in the circle in which they moved. He was determined that she should have all the accomplishments that had been neglected in her country home. A German musicteacher with long hair and spectacles, came every day to give her vocal lessons, and Kate spent an hour every morning with him in the music-room, bringing sounds from her white throat which caused Herr Brunnen to nod his head approvingly and to say in his imperfect English: "Goot, fery goot, you will have von vine voice." An Italian musicteacher, with an impossible mustache and black snaky eyes, came three times a week to train Kate's white fingers in the way they should go, over the piano keys. These lessons did not promise much, although she spent two hours a day at the instrument. Her teacher said to a friend that if it were any one but the

which gushed from her throat in sweet "If I was any b'liever in signs," said sounds, it could never get down to her One day Conway came in with a new crotchet in his head. "Kate," he said, "I have engaged Signor Leveilli, your music-teacher, to teach you Italian; you will want to understand something of the

language, you know, when you begin to "Yes Bertram, but my time is already for a married lady to go through a course

of study?" "It is not customary I admit, but as you had no opportunity of learning these things before your marriage, I am de-

termined that you shall know them now. "But Bertram, what is the use of my learning Italian, if I can sing little ballads to you when we are alone, what more is required."

"'Little ballads'! and to me! pshaw, don't want you to sing for me unless it is in order to test the flexibility of your voice. It is in society where I want you to sing, and Herr Brunnen says that with a little practice your voice will be superb.' "Why don't you tell me to go on the

eyes filled with tears.

"Don't be a little goose, Kate; you hurry up with them raisins," said aunt should appreciate the advantages I give Betty, tartly. "Why, you hain't took the you. Do allow me to dictate to you in this one instance at least."

a give you more than that," she remark- Kate smiled sadly. In what instance that her worst fears had been realized on ed, eyeing the whole ones in the dish at had he not dictated to her? She was the evening of the dinner-party, although recognize that Science may be the Moloch who keeps a shop over the way, and his side. "I b'lieve you've been eatin' obliged to dress to please him; the color she had been unconscious of it at the of one age as Superstition was of anoth- then went on with his sermon. Presently of her dress, the arrangement of her hair, time. How utterly desolate amd misera- er; and that even the noble love of another man passed up the aisle, and "La no Miss Betty, I can't bear 'em, the calls she made and those she received, ble her life seemed. "And no one to most makes me sick to work with 'em. must be approved of by him ere she was comfort me," she moaned. "Alone! You see hey don't take up nigh as much at liberty to act. He did not mean to be Alone!" The night passed away and the unkind, but seemed to forget that his early gray of dawn crept over the earth She looked at him suspiciously for a wife had a mind of her own. He was not ere sleep visited her eyelids. moment, and then allowing herself to be harsh with her, and was the same gay The house-maid coming in next morndeceived for the hundreth time by the Conway she had first known, but she ing to put the room in order, found her ionable phases. Little customs alter, crafty little dissembler, replenished his could not help growing restive under young mistress still in the dress she had little etiquettes prevail. Sometimes this discipline. Her life had been so worn on the previous evening asleep with good fashion takes the place of an idle different from this, she had been as free her head reclining on the velvet back of or bad one. Also, for very change's sake at the window watching the black clouds to follow her own inclination as the birds her chair, and two great tears glittering good but stale habit. If one could hold

she became lost in a reverie from which what are now denominated "fast young exclaimed: she was aroused by the sound of a cheery men." Many admiring glances were cast "What is the matter? What do you voice inquiring for her, and Mrs. Glen by them toward their fair hostess, and wish Rachel?" when she arose to leave them to their wine, one of the gentlemen said:

were always a deuced favorite with the "She is the daughter of the late Mr. as you will find out after you are mar- Guy Leonard, and grand-daughter of the ried. You are pale, dear," she said, kiss- wealthy Mr. Dayton of Philadelphia. ing the smooth white brow. "A bride When I first met her she was staying should ever be blushing and smiling you with her uncle in the country." He deknow, and not have that far away look livered this speech quite pompously. Alin her eyes that I now see in your bright | though he once called this "confounded snobbishness' in Kate's presence, yet he

in his opinion-exalted position. and shivered as the cold necklace of "But fill up your glasses, gentlemen," pearls (Conway's bridal gift) was clasped said their host. "This wine is said to a dog does not share. have been put in the cellar by my grand-

Do not spare it." "You must compose yourself dear; They obeyed his injunction to the letter, what is it to stand in the floor a short and the wine flying to their heads made life becomes a burden in the presence of the winter's campaign, now in a course time and have the minister say a few words over you," said Mrs. Glen, reassuringly, as she fastened the orange blos floor restlessly. Hearing a burst of lest another animal should take it, and has been backsliding or progression. soms in the shining hair, and threw the filmy white vail over Kate's head.

In the laughter, louder than any of those present the laughter, louder than any of the la "Massa Conway and the preacher hab leaning over the railing listened anx- esty sometimes succumbs; but, on the "Cynthias of the minute," soonest catch hang to dry where the wind does not arrove," said Jake, appearing at the door, lously. There was a lull in the dining other hand, from drunkenness he is nobly the spirit and manner of the moment. where a moment after he became transroom and then her husband began a
Rev. Thomas Jackson having been once their dress they have relinquished and dipped in old, sweet, skimmed milk; fixed with admiration at the fair being drinking song. Surely his voice sounded made so drunk with malt liquor that he despised and trodden under foot their this gives them a luster, and they need before him. After surveying her from unnatural, but that might be the fault of was unable to walk up stairs, ever after adorable youth. They have put away no starch. the flowers in her hair, to the little feet encased in white satin boots, he exclaimed after drawing a long breath, the melody; there was a chorus to it in white satin boots, he exclaimed after drawing a long breath, the melody; there was a chorus to it in address youth. They have put away declined to taste the pernicious beverage, from them the simple dressing that so becomes them; they have given up the address of the sight of a pewter pot. Again, as to love, Don Juan white muslin, illusion, and tarletan, that claimed, after drawing a long breath: verse a tinkling of glasses. She saw a was a cold and unenterprising character seem so appropriate to their youth, inex-"Golly Miss Kate! I knowd you was servant in the lower hall with a fresh purty, but I didn't know you could look supply of wine. Skimming lightly down of servant in the lower hall with a fresh compared to a dog; and as to maternal perience, and purity, and flaunt in the Hopkin's own wife and the wife of President purity, but I didn't know you could look supply of wine. Skimming lightly down of the class refuse on the ground that the

said Mrs. Glen. "You may tell 'Massa them Richard, they have had enough spring of allegiance to his master, and with its charms and privileges, and wish ever after reconciling him with true without any work, without any knowlmagnanimity to take evil from the hand edge of life, or accumulated lore of socifrom which he has accepted good. Regret ety, to ape their mothers and aunts in and grief he feels so deeply that they often break his heart. Fear is a passion badly in their trappings. Their high which dogs exhibit with singular varia- bloom, and round, well-defined, firm-outtion, some breeds and individuals being lines, which thin white would so freshen very timorous and others perfect models | and soften, look coarse, immature, and of courage; the latter characteristic, and unequal to such rich dress. fortitude seeming to be more characteris- There are certain rights and privileges tically canine. A greyhound has been which belong to age. The best gifts of ought to know." known, after breaking his thigh, to run time come slowly, and are earned by on till the course was concluded; and in work and merit. Friends, and wealth, and gazed with pity at the fair young the excellent new volume "On the Dog," and position come late in life, and they creature at his side, who waited anxiously by Idstone, is a frightful story of a fox- bring other appropriate surroundings for his reply. There was a struggle in hound whom its ferocious master flogged with them. If a woman of fifty braids

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ventive of talking. People go to look

tion is a lost art; and though the sweet

The kind-hearted servant man paused for his reply. There was a struggle in hound whom its levolidus master hogged her hair a la chinois, down her back, and so savagely for "babbling," as to cut out her hair a la chinois, down her back, and talsehood, and his dislike of telling the tinued to hunt with the pack till the end charms into white muslin, however handtruth. The latter was victorious, forcing of the chase, whereupon the human some she may be, the sight of her is jara laugh, he said lightly: "Certainly not, brute, a certain Colonel Thornton, "took ring to the dignities of her age and ex-Mrs. Conway. Young gentlemen are always gay this way when they are toto drink. But I would advise you to master's step, as in Landseer's picture of sciously rejoicing in its sweet gifts, and retire ma'am, as they will stay up late, he knows the sentiment as well as we. to the years where they belong, and and it is of no use for you to lose your | Pride in a successful chase may be wit | which they honor and adorn,

said—that he had a terrible head-ache.

going to be ill, while Conway smiled se- punishment for their impertinence, and the dancing dervishes of India in their cretly at her simplicity, and rejoiced that she was ignorant of the condition in both covetousness and avarice, is common and their early exhaustion of all the rewhich he had been the night before, to all dogs. The kennel, rug, collar, sources of life, when a thoughtful yet But the next time he was destined not water basin, or bone once devoted to his playful woman who remembered her age, to get off so easily. One evening when use, no dog can see transferred to anoth- her worth, her proprieties in dress as in Kate was reading in the library, Conway "covets his neighbor's house," and at "How these girls dress. Why after thircame to the door with his hat in his hand. | tempts to ensconce himself in it surrep- ty years of work, I have just come to my gentlemen Kate," he said, "and will prob- ets his neighbor's bone, and purloins it, teen." "Yes," I answered, "but they be-

for me." She had intended to obey him, but became so interested in her book that the clock pointed at the hour of two before clock pointed at the hour of two before de she knew how late it was. Hastily clos- in human beings accompanies the com- toward insincerity, worldliness, and iming the volume she was about to retire, mission of sin, the dog evidently knows propriety. You may say this is triffing

the door and he entered the room. "Halloo Kate; thought I told you not and also the enjoyment of such games as to sit up for me," he said, throwing him- he can understand. As a baby crows

self into a chair. "Bertram, are you ill?" sho asked in

"Not at all Mrs. Conway, why should

you imagine such a thing?" he asked with a sudden assumption of dignity. made no reply, but he became so reck- cricket, and lady-like croquet. Lastly, early to church, "It is a part of my relessly gay in his conversation, and withal he was intoxicated. This conviction cred trust of the dog in man should be joint to witness the entrance of every came upon her with a shock that almost so often betrayed, - that dull boors person who passes up the aisle during checked the pulsations of her heart. Having been taught to consider this one slow and agonizing) of the halter; and A gross abuse of religious decorum of the worst of vices, she shuddered with that far worse wretches, in the guise of sometimes needs harsh medicine as a horror as she gazed upon the man before her, who growing indignant at her silence, death he strives to show his confidence, of Congress. The anecdote is from the which he considered an insult to himself, and to lick their hands? Few of us, it is | Pacific Methodist. left the room, banging the door after to be hoped, would purchase our own im- "Being worried one afternoon by this him. Kate buried her face in her hands and moaned. The wife of a drunkard, was she that? Or if not, was not her them, that they do so wholly for our you who the people are as each one of husband taking the first steps on the sakes, and not from mere scientific curi- them comes in. downward road. She did not doubt now

on her long lashes. "Poor young thing!" a mirror up and catch and reflect these A few months after his marriage Con- thought the girl. "She must have some variations in trifles, one might perhaps way determined to give a dinner party in deep trouble on her mind, but it won't honor of one of his bachelor friends who do for her to sleep any longer in this to what shores we drift. had just returned from abroad. None cold room." She touched Kate lightly on but gentlemen were invited, all of them the shoulder, who awoke with a start and

"Nothing ma'am, only I was afraid you'd take your death in this cold room;

"You have got a prize Conway, but you the heat haven't been turned on yet." "You are quite right. It certainly was which they form a part. The flowers, not my intention to remain here all the dresses, the jewels, the people, the another idiot." During the rest of that night, but sleep overtook me unawares." rejoined her mistress, with a faint

(To be Continued.)

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The Faculties of Dogs.

A little reflection shows that a dog approaches a man much more nearly in the and to eat, to please their eyes and their friends to know aught of her surroundmatter of feeling than either of physical palate, but their food is not of the spiror mental characteristics. It is a start- itual sort. If any one does not appear as ling fact, well brought out by Jesse in a a decorative part of the assembly, your synopsis of the dog's attributes, that five hundred friends, including the host-

> and after provocation is sometimes vin-dictive and sometimes placable, accord-might cover. This form of society is be-claimed, "We will marry this fall." dictive and sometimes placable, accord- might cover. This form of society is being to his individual character. He is coming fixed and hardened into stony susceptible of hatred of the bitterest kind. deadness.

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gether. They know just how much wine one can observe the dog watching for his with the dower of their youth,-uncon-"Expectation," without admitting that postponing these unnatural decorations

nessed in every dog, and even felt in the | We think part of the fault lies with Kate slowly retraced her steps, and quickened heart-beats of a greyhound the mothers; they should know what is now divested of her fears, followed Rich- when caressed and praised. That dogs becoming and proper for their daughters, ard's advice and was soon in dream-land. have personal vanity appears from the and are given them for guides and guar-fact that they are so manifestly dejected dians. But American mothers are some-Her husband was unusually irritable the and demoralized when dirty and ragged times thoughtless or ignorant on these next morning, and his eyes were blood- by long exposure, and recover their self- subjects, and still oftener too indulgent shot, which was owing to the fact-he respect immediately on being washed to the child's own tastes and wishes. and combed. Chivalry and magnanimity There is a lavish father and a long purse, may nearly always be calculated upon in and the child decides her own costumes "The question is," said Richard to one dogs, and wife-beating is an offence to without much reference to any one but of the other servant, "what gave him the which the four-footed beast never descends. The stories are endless of big cret over the robe, but rejoices in her dogs generously overlooking the insults larger bill. Not all mothers are so in-Kate expressed a great deal of anxiety of small curs, or taking them into water different. Looking on, a few evenings oncerning him, and feared that he was and giving them a good ducking as a ago, at the whirling crowds that emulate then helping them mercifully back to solemn martyrdom for society, we were er without indignation. Frequently he other things, standing by me, said: I am going down street to meet some titiously; and almost universally he cov- laces, and here they have them at eigh-

ably be out late. You need not sit up be wholly exonerated, observing his proif he dare. Even from avarica he cannot | come you and spoil them. Nature takes pensity to bury his treasures. Shame, af- gress her laws." per sense of violated modesty which. They have gone another long way farther

## when her husband's latch-key turned in nothing whatever. Humor, so far as it but "straws show which way the wind

can proceed without language, the dog blows. Neck-Twisting in Church. There are practices tolerated in religwith glee at "Bo-peep," so a dog barks with delight at "go fetch." Make-believe ious congregations, which Christians who runs and false starts, romps and ticklings, are jealous for the honor of their Masalarm, noticing something strange in his rolling him up in a rug and letting him ter's house should utterly condemn. Defind his way out, throwing a ball for him | corum is the handmaid of devotional

to catch on the grass, or a stick to fish | feeling and for this reason the house of out of a lake, all supply him with pleas- God should never be disturbed by the ures perfectly analogous in their nature | slightest approach to irreverence. "It is a part of my religion," said a Somewhat astonished at this Kate Man's Buff and Prisoner's Base, lordly pious old lady when asked why she went faith in a beloved superior is perhaps the ligion not to disturb the religion of most beautiful and affecting of all the at- others;" and we believe if many a conso different from his usual self, that his wife could not be blind to the fact that grow sick at the reflection that this sa-

> should lure him by mock words of en- service, it would be better both for their couragement to the death (to him so necks and their religior cultivated gentlemen, should first fondle | remedy. We give that adopted by Henry and then dissect him alive, while even in | Clay Dean, who was one time chaplain

> munity from disease at the cost of scores | turning practice in his congregation, Mr. of such cruel experiments, and the assur- | Dean stopped in his sermon and said; "Now, you listen to me, and I'll tell ance of the vivisectors who perform

> osity, would be laughable, could we find "He then went on with his discourse it in our hearts to laugh at such a mat- until a gentleman entered, when he ter. It is surely time for the world to bawled out like an usher, 'Deacon Aknowledge may prompt offences, heinous his name, residence and occupation were and hateful as ever sprung from the lust given; so he continued for some time. At length some one entered the door who was unknown to Mr. Dean, when he cried out, 'A little old man, with a drab coat and an old white hat; don't know him; look for yourselves.' That congre-As each climatic year has its weather changes, so each social year has its fash- gation was cured.'

## Adroitly Hit.

A presiding elder of the United Brethren Church, while preaching was much annoyed by persons talking and laugh-He paused, looked at the disturbers, and said: "I am always afraid to reprove those who misbehave in church. In the understand how the wind blows, and early part of my ministry I made a great where social currents tended, and so see mistake. As I was preaching, a young man who sat just before me was con-stantly laughing, talking, and making There is a great deal of criticism of society nowadays, much railing, and much uncouth grimaces. I paused and adminsilent discontent. Nobody seems to istered a severe rebuke. After the close know or strive for anything better, and of the service one of the official members yet no thoughtful person is entirely satiscame and said to me; "Brother - you made a great mistake. That young man whom you reproved is an idiot.' lar form that it more and more assumed then I have always been afraid to reprove for the last few years. Every one goes to parties expecting to see a pageant, of those who misbehave in church lest I should repeat that mistake, and reprove service at least there was good order. supper, the decorations, are simply to

## Love Sick.

I gave her a rose and gave her a ring, and asked her to marry me then; but she sent them all back-the inscusible thing-and said she'd no notion of men I told her I had oceans of money and goods-tried to frighten her with a growl; but she answered she was not brought up in the woods, to be scared by the screech of an owl. I called her a baggage, and everything bad; I slighted her features and form; till at length I succeeded in getting her mad, and she there are very few human passions which ess who invited you, would much rather raged like a sea in a storm. And then you would stay away. A Pysche or Juno in a moment I turned and smiled, and A dog feels anger precisely as we do, in an old gown would be unwelcome, no called her my angel and all; she fell in

Ironing Without Heat. A lady of experience says that much time and trouble may be saved by "ironing" without heat and flatirons. When rinsing the clothes, fold coarse sheets,